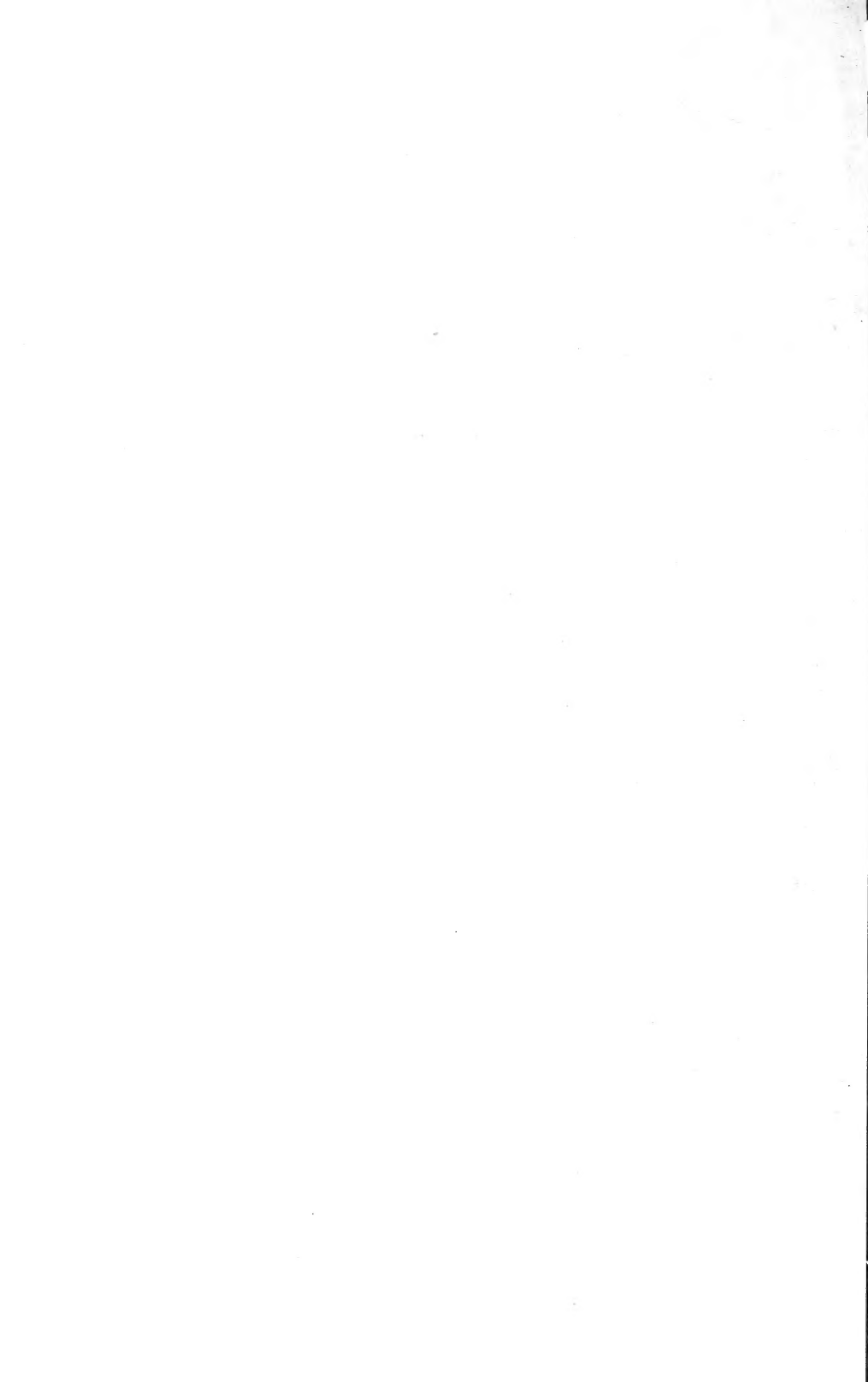


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To My Friends and Patrons



TAKE much pleasure in presenting you with a copy of my Dahlia Catalogue and Cultural Guide for 1906. In many respects it is an improvement over the previous issue; new cuts, engraved from photographs made the past season especially for this issue, having been added; also, additional cultural notes, together with other original matter, which should prove interesting, if not instructive, to all lovers of the queen of autumn flowers. It also contains quite a number of fine new varieties in all classes, which will prove very welcome additions, especially in the Cactus class, many of which will surely prove a revelation to those who have not kept in close touch with the Dahlia during its recent rapid march of progress.

Indeed, so rapid and so wonderful have been these improvements in form and color in this popular flower in recent years that it seems little less than marvelous. And one can but wonder what the future holds in store for this beautiful flower, which not only surpasses the rose in beauty, but rivals the chrysanthemum in its seemingly endless variation of forms, many of which are so entirely distinct and dissimilar as to suggest absolutely no relationship whatever.

My stock of all classes is field-grown, and is exceptionally fine this year, having had a long season in which to grow, and the best possible cultivation, which has resulted in magnificent clumps of the strongest vitality in nearly all varieties, from which I am enabled to get roots of extra size and quality, suitable for the most exacting trade—the kind I have always sought—the kind that demands that quality shall be the first essential.

The past season was very favorable for bloom in nearly all sections, which fact should strengthen your courage and stimulate your enthusiasm to make early plans for the ensuing year. I trust that you will find something that appeals to your fancy among the four hundred varieties described on the following pages, and that I may receive at least a small share of your patronage for the year 1906.

Again returning thanks for esteemed favors in the past and soliciting a continuance of the same, with the same promise of entire satisfaction to all, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Woburn, Mass., *February 1, 1906.*

EDGAR W. ELA.

Classification of Dahlias

Dahlias are divided into two divisions, double and single; and each division is again divided into classes, or sections, according to size, form of flower and arrangement of colors.

Double Dahlias are divided into the following sections: Show, Fancy, Pompon, Decorative and Cactus.

Show Dahlias. These are large, compact, double to the center, and very regular in outline, as though grown in a mold; while in many varieties the petals reflex to the stem, forming a perfect ball. The flowers are all either solid, self-colored or edged, tipped or shaded darker than the ground color.

Fancy Dahlias. This section is identical in form with that of the Show Dahlia, but is quite distinct from that class in the arrangement of its colors; the flowers being tipped or edged lighter than the ground color, or splashed, striped, penciled, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. They are, as a rule, quite variable, and often show but one color. They will "throw" fancy flowers in some localities and solid colors in others, with no apparent cause.

CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS, continued

Pompon Dahlias. This class is also identical in form with that of the Show and Fancy sections, differing only in the size of its flowers, which are too small to be included in those sections.

Cactus Dahlias. This class is of comparatively recent introduction and is entirely distinct from any other class. The flowers are loosely and artistically formed, the petals, as a rule, being long and tubular; the edges being rolled or folded backward instead of forward, like those of the Show, Fancy and Pompon sections, until they nearly, and in some varieties actually meet throughout their entire length, ending in a point or a fluted termination; some varieties having nearly straight petals, and others being gracefully incurved.

Decorative Dahlias. The flowers in this section have long, broad, flat and nearly straight petals, though in a few varieties the petals reflex to the stem. They resemble, in some degree, some of the older forms of the Cactus Dahlia, but on account of the flatness of their petals and the absence of the backward roll, which characterizes the Cactus Dahlia, they are designated Decorative.

Single Dahlias. These have but one row of petals, usually eight, and embrace the full range of colors, and in form are quite as varied as the double varieties, some having broad, flat, overlapping petals, and others, long, narrow, twisted and pointed petals, like the double Cactus Dahlia.

Selection of Varieties. While it is the privilege of all persons to make their own selections those who are unacquainted with the characteristics of the varieties named would do well to leave the selection to me as far as possible, after stating preference for class and color, and whether wanted for specimen plants or for cut-flowers, some varieties being too unsymmetrical for specimen plants, and others having too short stems for cut-flowers. **When the selection is left entirely to me, orders, for any class, will be filled at a very liberal discount from list prices.**

SUBSTITUTION

In case the stock of any variety ordered is exhausted, customers will please say whether I shall substitute with a similar variety of equal or greater merit, or ship the order partly filled.

It is always well to allow a little latitude in the filling of an order, unless one is very particular, by naming a few extra varieties with which to substitute, if necessary, which often saves considerable valuable time and correspondence.

Always give name of express, if any, as well as post-office, which leaves it optional to ship prepaid shipments as circumstances may demand.

Early Orders. As the demand for many new varieties often exceeds the supply, it is advisable to order early to avoid disappointment. Orders will be booked for spring delivery any time of the year.

FIELD ROOTS, VERSUS POT ROOTS AND PLANTS

In view of the great disparity in the size of Dahlia roots, the various forms in which Dahlias are offered by different dealers and the corresponding difference in prices, I have graded my stock in two sizes in order to more properly adjust my prices to suit existing conditions. The quality of both grades is the same, the difference being in size only.

The large number of orders received from both amateur and professional gardeners, calling for large field-grown roots, betokens a widespread preference for this kind of stock. While pot-grown roots may, with judicious treatment, make good plants, they do not push the plant along as fast as strong field roots of larger size, and require a longer season in which to accomplish the same results, a fact of vital importance to those planting in localities frequented by early frosts. They are easier to handle than large roots, and occupy comparatively little space, a matter of grave importance, of course, where rents are expensive and space is valuable.

The same remarks apply with equal force to most varieties of rooted cuttings (green plants), to which may be added the very serious objection that many varieties fail to make a clump of roots of sufficient size to keep through the winter.

Cuttings can be produced for less than one-fourth of the cost of field roots, which, judging from my own experience with them, about represents their relative value.

PRICES

The dozen rate of each variety is ten times the price of a single root ; any six varieties at the dozen rate.

The prices quoted in this Catalogue are for strong field-grown roots, with one or more good sprouts or eyes, and are as low as is consistent with the extra care and labor required to grow carefully inspected stock, from which all plants showing the slightest imperfection or tendency to resort to inferior types have been excluded.

First-size roots weigh from three to five pounds per dozen, averaging about four pounds. Some varieties may be had weighing from eight to ten pounds per dozen, the price of which is the same as first size, purchaser to pay transportation charges. Second-size roots weigh from one to one and one-half pounds per dozen, according to variety.

All prices quoted in this Catalogue include free delivery, except for extra-heavy stock as above noted. **Special prices quoted on collections of one hundred or more.**

Remittances. Make remittances by Post-office or Express Money Order, Registered Letter or Bank Draft. Stamps (one- and two-cent) in amounts less than one dollar, accepted as cash.

CULTURAL NOTES

Select rich, deep soil, avoiding shady places and close proximity to large trees, and make it fine and mellow by plowing or spading a foot deep or more where the plants are to stand. Plant Cactus, Decorative, Show, Fancy and Single varieties 3 or 4 feet apart, and Pompons 2 to 2½ feet apart in the row. Plant 4 to 6 inches deep and cover the roots from 1 to 2 inches deep at time of planting. Allow but a single stalk to grow in a place, and when this is well above ground draw the soil in around it gradually as it grows until the ground is level, but do not hill-up. Keep the surface free from weeds, fine and mellow all the time, by stirring the soil frequently and thoroughly. Never allow a crust to form around the plants. If necessary, water thoroughly once a week, not oftener, taking care not to wet the blooms, and stir the soil the next day. Cease all deep cultivation before the plants come into bloom, and do not again stir the soil deeper than 1½ inches. When the plants begin to bloom, a heavy mulching of fine, decomposed stable manure will be very beneficial. It will not only help to make fine, large flowers instead of foliage, which often happens when the soil is made too rich at time of planting, but will prevent evaporation and keep the ground free from weeds. In the absence of manure, a small handful of bone meal and nitrate of soda—four parts bone to one part soda—finely pulverized and thoroughly mixed, spread uniformly around the plants, covering a space 1½ feet or more in diameter, and stirred lightly into the soil, will give excellent results in an increased size of flowers ; but it should not be used until the flowers begin to decrease in size. The best results are obtained only by fertilizing and cultivating freely, thoroughly and intelligently, the results usually being proportionate to the degree of intelligence used and the effort expended in cultivation, contingent, of course, in some degree on climatic conditions. Tall varieties may be dwarfed about one-third in height by pinching off the top of the plant just above the upper set of leaves when it first comes through the ground, which forces it to branch at the surface instead of running up into a single, tall stalk. This operation may be repeated several times on the new branches as they make new growth. Stake securely as a protection against the wind. As a preventive against cut-worms, use a small handful of slaked lime around each plant as soon as it comes through the ground.

Dahlias should not be planted until the ground becomes thoroughly warmed. When the weather becomes settled and warm, usually about May 15 in this latitude, the Dahlia makes a rapid growth and usually proves more satisfactory than when planted too early. Nothing, whatever, is gained by planting in advance of favorable conditions, and, then again, being a fall flower, plants that come into bloom the latter part of August will have better flowers the rest of the season than those that come into bloom in July. Dahlias may be planted in this section from May 15 to June 15, according to varieties, location and the purpose for which they are wanted.

Thinning and Disbudding. Some varieties of Dahlias require thinning and disbudding to produce the best flowers. Varieties having an excessive amount of foliage and small growth should have a considerable part of their branches removed, while those having more buds than can be properly developed or matured should be disbudded. The operation in no way endangers the plants, and any one can do it. Thin and disbud if necessary, moderately or severely as conditions may seem to require. Very few varieties require this treatment unless very large flowers are wanted, and Pompon and Single Dahlias rarely, if ever.

CULTURAL NOTES, continued

Lifting the Clumps in Fall. Immediately after the plants are killed to the ground by frost, lift the clumps, and after removing the loose soil, expose to the sun and air a few hours to dry. Cut off the stalks quite close to the clump and pack, not too closely, in boxes or barrels and store in a frost-proof place, where extremes of temperature may be avoided. A cellar in which there is a moderate amount of moisture, with a temperature of about 45°, will give best results with most varieties. A covering of dry coal ashes, saw-dust, earth or sand—the two latter preferred—will usually prevent the roots from shriveling, by excluding the air and preserving a more even temperature. Be very careful, however, not to cover any clumps not perfectly dry.

Specimen Flowers. In order to assist present and prospective customers to make selections, free from the difficulties sometimes experienced in making selections from catalogue descriptions, I will send specimen flowers of Dahlias of any class and color, prepaid, with name and price attached, for one cent each during the season of bloom, but not on any particular date. By this means customers are enabled to make an intelligent and satisfactory selection, and incur absolutely no risk of purchasing varieties not to their taste. **I do not supply blooms for exhibition.**

MISTAKES

Notwithstanding all efforts to guard against mistakes, they will sometimes occur. Customers are requested to report such promptly, together with reasonable proof, so that they may be corrected without delay.

Visitors are Welcome any Day of the Week. Woburn is located on the southern division of the Boston and Maine railroad 10 miles from Boston. Leave train at Central Square; route, Eaton avenue and Fryeburg road. Electric cars of the Boston and Northern street railway, North Woburn and Boston, pass within seven minutes' walk of the field. Leave car at Eaton avenue and proceed as above noted. Cars on this line make connection at the Sullivan Square terminal, Boston, with the Boston Elevated. Fare from any part of Boston, 10 cents. Carriage service at Woburn station.

SHOW DAHLIAS

The approximate height of all Dahlias herein noted is the average height of varieties grown under favorable conditions, and consequently they will vary, accordingly, in height and size with the varying conditions of soil, climate and cultivation.

- A. D. Livoni.** Beautiful, soft sea-shell pink; one of the very best pink Show Dahlias. 4 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 12c.
- Adrien de Mortilet.** White, delicately edged with soft lavender. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Amazon.** Clear yellow, edged and tipped bright red. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Beauty.** Pure white and of perfect form. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Bride.** Blush, edged and tipped deep rose. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Condor.** Buff, shaded orange. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Crimson Ball.** Bright crimson-purple. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Dawn of Day.** Yellow-buff, suffused and tipped pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Dr. J. P. Kirkland.** Dark crimson; large. 6 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Duchess of Cambridge.** Light ground suffused with pink, tipped and edged purple. 5½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Duke of Connaught.** Dark rich crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Eccentric.** Yellow and chestnut, shaded lighter; very distinct. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Eclipse.** Brilliant scarlet; a well-built flower. 3 ft. 1st size, 20c., 2d size 15c.
- Emily.** White, suffused lavender. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Emily Edwards.** Blush-white, sometimes suffused with deeper tints. 4 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Fascination.** Light ground, heavily suffused lavender-pink. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Florence Tranter.** Blush-white, distinctly edged rosy purple. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Globe de Mantes.** Bright scarlet, one of the best in cultivation; a perfect model. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Gloire de Lyon.** Pure white; very large. 5 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Harbinger.** A beautiful shade of peach; good form, petal and center. 3 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.



Types of Show and Fancy Dahlias

SHOW DAHLIAS, continued

- Hector.** Bright orange-red; fine form. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- James Bentley.** Deep cardinal; excellent for cutting. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- James Cocker.** A large purple; a most constant flower. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- James Service.** Dark crimson-maroon. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Bennett.** Yellow, deeply edged scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Sladdan.** Dark maroon 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Throp.** Light rose-pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Wyatt.** Crimson-scarlet. 2½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- J. T. West.** Yellow, heavily tipped with purple. 3 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 15c.
- Lady Jane Ellis.** Creamy white, tipped purple 3 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 15c.
- Madge Wildfire.** Bright scarlet, with serrated petals. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Mad. Heine Furtado.** Pure white; very large. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.
- Mad. Moreau.** Very large; deep pink. 4 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Mad. Zaler.** Yellow, edged carmine. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Memorandum.** Rich lavender-pink; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Meteor.** Bright scarlet; very large. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Miss Marsh.** Rose and white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Miss May Lomas.** Pure white, suffused soft lavender. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Modesty.** Blush, with light center. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mr. Glascock.** Very fine purple; large. 2 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Mrs. Campbell.** Pale yellow, shaded fawn; large, handsome flower. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Mrs. Dexter.** A rich shade of salmon. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Mrs. Fisher.** White, shaded lavender toward center. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Mrs. Gladstone.** Delicate shell-pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

SHOW DAHLIAS, continued

- Mrs. Hansard.** Yellow, tipped lilac. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts
- Mrs. Stancomb.** Yellow and fawn. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts
- Mrs. S. Walker.** Blush-pink; shell-like petals 3 ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Mrs. W. Slack.** Blush-white, edged purple. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Nero.** Crimson-maroon. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Norma.** Bright orange-buff; fine large flower. 4 ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Orator.** Light salmon-buff. 2½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Oriole.** Gold and scarlet; large. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Penelope.** Pure white, beautifully flaked with soft lavender in the center. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Philippe VII.** A beautiful shade of magenta. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.
- Pioneer.** Dark maroon, nearly black. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Pleasance.** Crimson-scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Pluton.** Clear, light yellow; always in bloom. 4 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 12c.
- Princess Bonnie.** Creamy white, with base of petals tinged lemon-yellow. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Queen Victoria.** Pure, deep yellow. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts
- Robert Bloomfield.** One of the purest whites grown. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts
- Ronald.** A pleasing shade of buff. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts
- R. T. Rawlings.** Clear yellow; one of the best. 3½ ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Ruby Queen.** Ruby red, richly shaded. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Silvia.** Yellow, deeply tipped red; large and fine. 4 ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Sir Chas. Mills.** Large, pure yellow; full round form, full to the center. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- The Ameer.** Large dark maroon, shaded rosy purple. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Thomas Pendered.** Bright yellow; a fine large, solid flower. 3½ ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Wenonah.** Crushed strawberry. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- White Swan.** Pearly white; fine for cutting. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.
- Wm. Fawcett.** Large yellow, edged purple. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.
- Wm. Neat.** Reddish fawn; excellent form. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

FANCY DAHLIAS

NOTE.—The term "Fancy Dahlia," is often somewhat misleading to those not versed in Dahlia lore, conveying in many instances an erroneous idea of superiority.

The word "fancy" in Dahlia parlance is used as a class distinction only, denoting no particular degree of excellence, and is applied to all bi-colored varieties that are marked in accordance with the rules governing this class. In most cases it would be more clearly expressed by the more common and more expressive word "variegated." But some variegated Dahlias are not fancy, hence the designation Fancy Dahlia.

- American Flag.** Pure white, edged cherry-red; sometimes a central stripe of same color. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.
- Buffalo Bill.** Buff, striped vermilion; large and constant. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts
- Chorister.** Fawn, striped crimson and rose 3½ ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Dorothy.** Fawn, flaked and striped with dark maroon. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Duchess of Albany.** Pale orange, splashed with crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Edith.** Bright red, distinctly tipped pure white 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Edmund Boston.** Orange, heavily striped crimson 3½ ft. 1st size 30c., 2d size 20c.
- Elegans.** Rosy purple, tipped white; quite variable. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Eloise.** Blush-pink, shading to white, with each petal margined deep glowing crimson. 4 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 15c.
- Emin Pasha.** Yellow-buff, heavily striped and splashed crimson. 3½ ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Ethel.** Large yellow, tipped with white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts
- Fern-leaved Beauty.** White, with a distinct margin of deep crimson around each petal. 3 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 12c.
- Frank Goodman.** Crimson-purple, tipped white. 5 ft. 1st size 20c., 2d size 15c.
- Frank Smith.** Rich, dark maroon, shading through pink to a pure white tip. 5 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- General Grant.** Orange, with bold chocolate stripes. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.
- Gold Medal.** Bright canary-yellow, low, regularly marked with very fine stripes and splashings of deep red. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.
- Grand Sultan.** Salmon-buff, striped red. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Heather Belle.** Crimson, very distinctly tipped with white. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

FANCY DAHLIAS, continued

- Jessie McIntosh.** Red, with distinct white tip $\frac{4}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Cooper.** White, striped with lake. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Keystone.** Pinkish lilac, striped crimson. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Lady Allington.** Deep crimson, tipped white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Lottie Eckford.** White, beautifully striped with purple. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Lucy Fawcett.** Light yellow, striped and penciled rosy magenta. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mabel.** Lilac, striped crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Mad. Charles Molin.** Orange, striped rosy red. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Mad. Soubeyre.** Rosy lilac, striped carmine. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Miss Browning.** Yellow, tipped white. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mrs. Carter.** Maroon, tipped white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mrs. Saunders.** Clear, rich yellow, tipped white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Ohio.** Lilac, heavily striped deep crimson. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Olympia.** Deep rose-pink, striped and penciled with rich crimson; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Picta Fulgens.** Light scarlet, tipped white. $\frac{4}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Queen Mab.** Scarlet, tipped white; very variable. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- S. Mortimer.** Deep rose, striped crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Souvenir.** Creamy white, edged bright red; large, shell-like petals. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Stanley.** Yellow, finely striped with scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Startler.** Dark maroon, tipped white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Sunset.** Yellow, flaked and striped scarlet. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Uncertainty.** Carmine, crimson-maroon and white; very variable. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

POMPON DAHLIAS

- Achilles.** Charming shade of pink. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Aillett's Imperial.** White, suffused pink, tipped imperial purple. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Alewine.** Delicate lavender-pink, tinted lilac. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Ariel.** Orange-buff. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Bobby.** Deep plum or claret color. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Brunette.** Crimson, sporting white. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Catherine.** Bright yellow. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- China Pink.** Deep pink. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Crimson Beauty.** Deep, rich crimson. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Darkness.** Dark maroon. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Daybreak.** Light pink; similar to Day-break carnation. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Eleganta.** Soft pink, tipped deep pink. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Elfin.** Primrose-yellow. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- E. F. Jungker.** A rich shade of amber. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- George Brinkmann.** Pure white. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Goldfinch.** Pure yellow. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Grass an Wien.** Crushed-strawberry. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Hedwig.** Reddish golden brown. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Hedwig Pollwiz.** Scarlet and white. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Henrietta.** Yellow, tipped crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- H. E. Searle.** Bright orange. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John Lucaks.** Orange, red and white. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Karl Goldenberg.** Buff-yellow, sometimes tipped white. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Klein Domatea.** Rich orange-buff. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Leila.** Flesh color, mottled and suffused crimson; quite variable. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Little Beauty.** Delicate shrimp-pink. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Little Prince.** Crimson, tipped white. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Mabel.** A rich shade of amber. $\frac{2}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Marguerite.** Rosy lilac. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Mars.** Bright scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Martin Burrowes.** Rich purple. $\frac{3}{2}$ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Minnie.** Buff-salmon, tipped purple. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.



Pompon Dahlias

POMPON DAHLIAS, continued

Prince Charming. Creamy white, suffused and tipped purple-pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Pure Love. Delicate shade of lilac. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Red Indian. Deep coral-red. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Raphael. Maroon-crimson. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Rim of Gold. Scarlet, with distinct gold tips. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Rosalie. Primrose, often tinted and edged pink. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Rosebud. White, edged bright rosy pink. 3½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Rougiere Chauviere. Crimson, pink and white; very variable 2½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Royal Purple. Fine shade of purple. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Snowclad. White; very small. 2½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Sunshine. Scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Teddy. White, heavily tipped bright pink. 2½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Vivid. Bright orange-scarlet. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Winifred. White, edged and tipped lavender-pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

CACTUS DAHLIAS

THE LATEST ACQUISITIONS

The varieties listed below are all imported, and are the latest and best introductions in the Cactus class. Many of them, on account of their distinctive features of form and color, are certainly the finest and most elegant of any yet produced. Nearly all of them are certified varieties, having received a "First-Class Certificate" or an "Award of Merit" or both from the leading horticultural societies of Great Britain.

The Royal Horticultural Society is one of the oldest, largest and best known horticultural societies in the world. And an "Award of Merit" from this society or a "First-Class Certificate" from the National Dahlia Society gives to a Dahlia the same standing in the floral world that a bank "certification" gives to a "check" in the commercial world.

CACTUS DAHLIAS, continued

ABBREVIATIONS.—"F.C.C.," First-Class Certificate; "A.M.," Award of Merit; "R.H.S.," Royal Horticultural Society; "N.D.S.," National Dahlia Society; "L.D.U.," London Dahlia Union.

Alpha. A Fancy Cactus. White ground, or French gray, beautifully speckled and striped purple, crimson and lilac. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Aunt Chloe. Deep glossy black color, with very fine petals; dwarf and sturdy. 3 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S. and L.D.U.; A.M., R.H.S.

Brightness. Bright, fiery scarlet, with long, straight, narrow petals; very fine. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

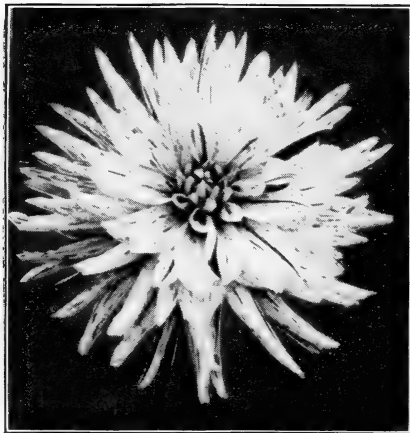
Cinnamon. Clear bright cinnamon or yellowish buff, slightly darker in center; florets long, pointed and beautifully incurved. 4 ft. 1st size 75c., 2d size 50c.

Clara G. Stredwick. Clear bright salmon, shading to yellow at base of petals. Splendid large blooms with the very narrowest petals of great length; one of the finest varieties yet raised. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S. and L.D.U.; A.M., R.H.S.

Columbia. Bright vermilion, with center and tip of florets pure white; florets long, straight and very narrow; a magnificent flower. 4 ft. 1st size 50c., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Duc d'Orleans. A beautiful Fancy Cactus of French origin. White ground, striped and splashed with bright crimson; grand. 2½ ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Eclipse. Clear sulphur-yellow, with long, narrow petals arranged in a star-like manner; an excellent exhibition variety of refined appearance. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.



Duc d'Orleans

Ella. Rich apricot, heavily shaded and suffused vermilion; fine straight florets of great length and beauty; large, refined flower of good habit. 4½ ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Etna. Lilac, faintly suffused violet, with yellow base to petals, which are long and narrow. A most welcome addition by reason of its color. 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75c. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Eva. Pure white; flowers of pleasing form; petals regularly and neatly incurved; one of the finest white varieties yet raised. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Favourite. Dark orange, speckled and striped with crimson; a very effective garden variety, and fine for cutting. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

F. H. Chapman. A magnificent flower of grand form and largest size, without the slightest tendency to coarseness. The petals are extremely long, narrow and beautifully incurved, in this respect being one of the very best of the type. Color yellow, overlaid with deep orange; indispensable as an exhibition flower. 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Florence. A charming shade of yellowish orange. A variety of particularly wiry, upright growth, and exceedingly free-flowering; very finely pointed petals. 3½ ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Gabriel. Soft velvety crimson, deeply tipped pure white; petals long, narrow and beautifully incurved. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Galatea. A lovely shade of salmon-pink; a beautifully formed flower and grand for exhibition. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

General Buller. Deep velvety crimson, nearly black at base, every petal having a pure white tip, and those in the center showing a tinge of plum-color. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Genesta. Amber, passing to golden yellow at center; the florets are beautifully arranged and the stems long and stiff. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. A.M., R.H.S.

Goldfinch. Rich yellow-buff, with pink center; long, narrow, incurved petals; perfect form. 5 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

CACTUS DAHLIAS, continued

Goliath. Canary-yellow, suffused salmon. A magnificent flower of splendid form and habit; one of the largest Cactus Dahlias grown, and every flower fit for exhibition. 4½ ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

H. F. Robertson. Deep pure yellow; the petals are extremely narrow their entire length, and form flowers of the finest Cactus type 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Ianthe. Yellow-buff ground, edged and tipped pale salmon-rose; a large, slightly incurved flower with very narrow petals of great length. 3½ ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

James Robertson. Deep crimson-maroon; large, handsome variety, with long, twisted, incurving petals. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

J. H. Jackson. The finest and largest dark Cactus in cultivation; color, intense blackish maroon; extremely long, narrow, pointed petals; every bloom perfection and grown on long stems. As an exhibition and garden variety it has no equal. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Lottie Dean. Pale amber-buff, tinted with rose; extra-long, fine petals, and every flower good. Very effective for garden or exhibition. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Mabel Needs. Orange-scarlet, slightly tinged plum-color on reverse of petals, which are elegantly incurved. 3½ ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Mary Farnsworth. Yellow at base, with outer half of petal pure white, forming bright and dainty flowers of the best Cactus forms. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

Miss Winchester. Coral-pink; a large flower of fine form and erect habit; one of the very best of its color. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Mr. Seagrave. Purplish rose, on a deeper ground; the petals are very long and narrow, and curl in a most irregular manner, forming one of the most distinct and lovely-shaped large flowers we have. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Mrs. A. F. Perkins. A distinct and lovely flower with long, very narrow petals beautifully twisted and incurved. Color clear sulphur-yellow, with outer half of each floret tipped pure white. 5 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Mrs. Edward Mawley. A beautiful large, pure yellow variety of the finest incurved form, with fine long petals. One of the finest yellows yet raised. 4½ ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Mrs. Freeman Thomas. Clear yellow in center, shading to light orange toward the tips; flowers large and of pleasing form. 3 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Mrs. H. J. Jones. Scarlet, distinctly tipped white; a large, elegant, beautifully formed flower, very constant and of fine erect habit. One of the very best bi-colored varieties. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S. and L.D.U.; A.M., R.H.S.

Mrs. J. P. Clark. A soft tint of reddish cinnamon or buff, shading to rosy peach and lightly tipped white; florets long and pointed. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.

Mrs. Winstanley. One of the best of the new introductions and will become a standard variety. The color is soft scarlet with yellow base to petals, which are very narrow and beautifully arranged; very free. 3 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Ophir. Soft golden apricot, slightly paler in the center; florets long, extremely narrow and slightly incurved. 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Pretoria. A large, fine flower of perfect form, with fine long petals, curling inward at center; color light scarlet, shaded. 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts.

Queen of Yellows. Pure yellow; a large, bold flower with long, twisted, incurving florets. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

Ringdove. A very pleasing but almost indescribable tint of pinkish fawn or dove, gradually passing to pure white at the tips of the florets, which are very long, straight and very narrow. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Vesuvius. A beautiful Fancy Cactus; ground color pure yellow, heavily striped and speckled with deep crimson; flowers of good form, carried on strong stems. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Winsome. Pure white and incurved in form; flowers carried on strong, erect stems; a fine variety. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

Wm. F. Balding. A large, bold, striking flower, with fine claw-like, incurved petals; yellow, shading to bright salmon. 4 ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts. F.C.C., N.D.S.; A.M., R.H.S.

SUPERB VARIETIES OF RECENT INTRODUCTION



J. Weir Fife

Ajax. A very large flower with long, narrow, incurved petals; orange, suffused salmon and buff. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Artus. Orange-buff; a very large, fine flower of graceful and good Cactus form. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Badenia. Orange-buff, striped and flecked with bright red; an elegant Fancy variety. 5 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.

Bessie Mitchell. Yellowish orange, suffused with salmon or pinkish red; a large, finely formed flower. 3½ ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Cannell's Crest. A splendid rich shade of cherry red; large and of fine form. 3½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Cornucopia. A soft shade of deep reddish salmon; a very bold flower of beautiful form. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.

Elsie. Lilac-rose, shading to yellow at base of petals; a large, distinct and beautifully formed flower. 5 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

Emperor. A lovely tint of pure plum-color, with base of each petal shaded pale yellow; free and distinct. 3½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Fighting Mac. Rich, fiery crimson; narrow, incurving petals. 4½ ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Galliard. Crimson-scarlet; a very large, finely shaped flower, with numerous long, narrow quilled petals; very free. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

General French. A rich shade of terra-cotta; grand habit and free-flowering. 4½ ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Ingeborg Egeland. Deep scarlet; a very large, fine flower of pleasing form; a strong, symmetrical grower, and fine in every way. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Jealousy. A deep clear yellow, quite distinct from any other yellow Cactus; the florets are very pointed and evenly arranged; the center always double and full; excellent habit 4 ft 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

J. Weir Fife. A large, beautifully formed flower, freely produced and always good; bright purple, often striped and shaded blackish purple, and at other times shaded and blended with both. A magnificent flower. 3½ ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

J. W. Wilkinson. Deep rosy crimson; a large flower of the most refined and beautiful shape, having long, narrow petals. 3 ft. 1st size 35c., 2d size 25c.

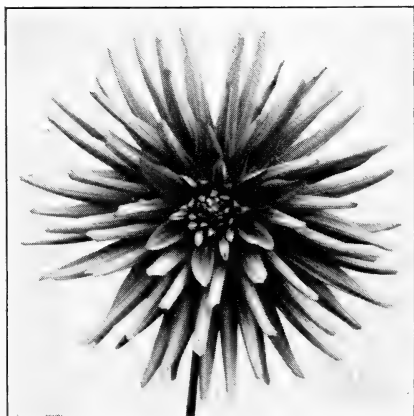
Kathleen. Light orange-red; petals pointed and incurved in the most approved manner. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Kriemhilde. Soft apple-blossom pink, with white center; a beautiful, dainty flower of pleasing form; extra fine for cutting. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Lodestone. A distinct shade of orange-scarlet or reddish apricot; a magnificent flower, with long, narrow petals. 5 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Lord Roberts. White, with long, narrow fluted petals and splendid form; long, wiry stem. One of the finest Cactus Dahlias. 4 ft. 1st size 50c., 2d size 35c.

Lovely Eynsford. A fine amber-colored variety; petals well pointed and habit good 4 ft 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25c.



J. W. Wilkinson

CACTUS DAHLIAS (SUPERB VARIETIES), continued

Loyalty. Bright coral-red; petals regularly arranged, and so strongly incurved as to almost meet in the center. 4½ ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Lyric. Fiery red, shading to yellow at base of petals, which are narrow, claw-like and regularly arranged. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Major Hobbs. A very beautiful rose-color, very free, quite distinct and an acquisition. 4 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40c.

Mars. Soft crimson, with distinct silk-like sheen; florets somewhat massive and elegantly incurved. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Maurice S. Walsh. Clear yellow, gradually shading to a pleasing tint of reddish salmon; very pretty form. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

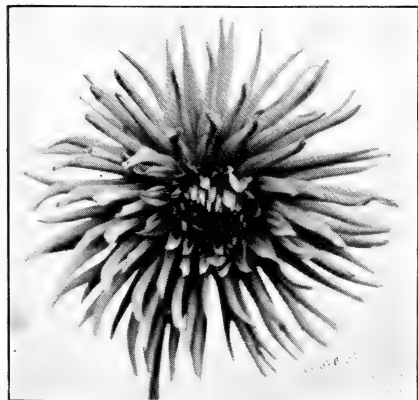
Miss Gretta Park. A large, noble, beautifully formed flower, of a deep pinkish salmon, with long, narrow petals; distinct and free. 5 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Monarch. Orange-red, tipped magenta; very large and beautiful, with claw-like incurved florets. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

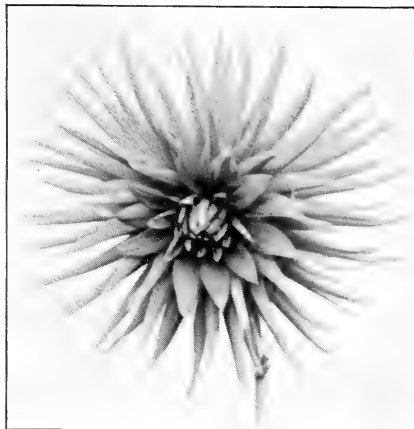
Mrs. Carter Page. One of the most elegantly formed flowers yet raised; rich velvety crimson, with narrow petals of great length and beauty. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Mrs. H. J. Allcroft. One of the very best Cactus varieties, having numerous long, narrow, pointed petals; color beautiful soft orange-buff. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Mrs. J. J. Crowe. Clear canary-yellow, with long, closely twisted, incurving florets of the most approved form. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.



Mrs. H. J. Allcroft



Mrs. Jowett

Mrs. Jowett. Bright orange-red; large blooms formed of long, pointed, incurved petals. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Olive. Cerise, suffused salmon and pink; long, narrow petals; very constant and good. 3½ ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Progenitor. Bright clear carmine or crimson-lake, every petal being broad at the tip and furcated at the end, like a stag's-horn fern. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Rosine. A beautiful rose-color; magnificent flowers of the best shape, the petals being so incurved as to almost meet in the center. 3 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Sandpiper. Scarlet, shaded orange, long, claw-like petals; very free. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

Sylph. Tawny orange, with long, narrow, twisted petals. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Venus. A beautiful pure white miniature Cactus; very dwarf and branching, and indispensable for wreath work. 2 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Vesta. Beautiful rosy pink; large and finely formed; one of the very best pink varieties. 4½ ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

W. B. Child. Blackish maroon, with purple shadings; an extra large flower of exquisite form and very free. One of the very finest dark-colored sorts. 3½ ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Zephyr. A large, beautifully formed flower of a deep rosy pink color, with heliotrope tints. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20c.

CACTUS DAHLIAS, GENERAL COLLECTION

- Alfred Vasey.** Sunset-red, suffused with amber and pink. 3 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Amber.** Yellow, tinted pale orange-red or amber. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Arachne.** Pure white, with each petal edged bright crimson from base to tip. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Arthur Cheal.** Deep, rich velvety crimson. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Augustus J. C. Hare.** Bright orange-scarlet, distinctly edged with cerise; fine Cactus form. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.
- Austin Cannell.** Magenta-rose, shaded lighter at tips. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Baden Powell.** Rich, velvety cardinal color; claw-like florets. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Beatrice.** Pale rose, shaded lighter toward the tips. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Bridesmaid.** A delicate shade of rose with cream-white center. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Britannia.** A delicate shade of soft salmon-pink and apricot. 4 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Cannell's Gem.** Soft red, shaded with orange; small. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Capstan.** Soft brick-red, tinted apricot at base of petals; remarkably free. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Captain Broad.** Fiery crimson; petals slightly furcated, as in Progenitor; fine for cutting. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Charles Woodbridge.** Bright crimson, shaded purple. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Countess of Lonsdale.** An exquisite shade of rich salmon-red. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Cycle.** Rich ruby-red, shaded carmine. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Earl of Pembroke.** Bright plum, shaded deeper at center. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Ensign.** Crimson-lake; good form. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Exquisite.** A lovely tint of reddish cinnamon; long, twisted, claw-like florets beautifully arranged and incurved. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Firebrand.** Rich velvety crimson; long, pointed petals. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Fusilier.** Deep salmon or coral-pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Gloriosa.** Vivid crimson; petals long and beautifully twisted. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Green's White.** Pure white, with pale green center; very free flowering. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Harmony.** Reddish bronze, shading to pale yellow at center. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Hobbies' Pet.** A miniature Cactus; light fawn, with heliotrope shading; a little gem. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Illuminator.** Small, bright orange-scarlet; very good for cutting. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Innovation.** Crimson, tipped white; sometimes semi-double. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Island Queen.** Charming light mauve; a beautiful variety. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- John H. Roach.** Clear light yellow. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Keynes' White.** Pure ivory-white; one of the best. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- King of Siam.** Deep, rich purplish maroon; early, free and good. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Laverstock Beauty.** Soft vermilion; a fine flower. 3½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Loreley.** Ivory-white, deeply tipped soft rose; a splendid variety. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Major Weston.** Deep, rich crimson; a fine bold flower. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Mary Service.** A pleasing tint of pinkish heliotrope, shading to yellowish brown at base of petals. 4 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Matchless.** Intense, rich velvety maroon. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mayor Haskins.** Bright glowing crimson; large and fine. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mayor Tuppeney.** Yellow, suffused with orange, and distinctly edged with light crimson; splendid Cactus form. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.
- Miss Annie Jones.** Bright scarlet; very early and profuse. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Miss Green.** Deep salmon, tinted rose; small. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

CACTUS DAHLIAS (GENERAL COLLECTION), continued

Mrs. A. Peart. Creamy white, large and fine. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts

Mrs. Bevor Barker. Bluish magenta color; petals well pointed. 3 ft. 1st size 25c., 2d size 20 cts

Mrs. Bennett. Soft crimson; a fine garden variety 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Mrs. Charles Turner. Clear, bright yellow; one of the largest yellows, and extra fine for the garden 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Mrs. Dickson. Soft rose, shading to yellow at base of petals. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Mrs. Gordon Sloane. Pinkish terra-cotta. 5 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Mrs. Kingsley Foster. Rich golden amber, beautifully shaded; long, stiff stems. 3½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Mrs. Sanders. Deep yellow; a most graceful flower with irregular petals; fine. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts

Night. Intense deep maroon, almost black; long, stiff stems. 3½ ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Nil Desperandum. Orange and red, beautifully shaded; very large and fine 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Porcupine. Dark scarlet-maroon; fine pointed petals. 4 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts

Primrose Dame. Pure yellow; long, narrow petals; fine. 4½ ft 1st size 20c., 2d size 15 cts.

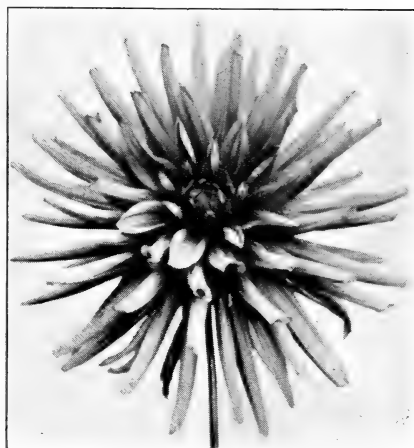
Red Rover. Intense crimson-scarlet; a very large distinct and striking flower, but very inconstant, some flowers being very poor and others elegant. 5 ft 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Ruby. Rich ruby-red, suffused with carmine; very free-flowering. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts

Sir Gibbie. Bright crimson; large and fine. 3½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Standard Bearer. Bright fiery scarlet, of good form and habit. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Startish. Bright, pure orange-scarlet; a large flower of splendid form 5 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.



Mary Service (See preceding page)

St. Catherine. Chrome-yellow, suffused reddish amber. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Stella. Vivid crimson, with long, incurving petals. 3 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Strahlein Krone. Deep scarlet, with long twisted petals; early and free 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

The Clown. Ground color soft brick-red, with outer half of florets tipped pure white; sometimes comes solid. 4½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Uncle Tom. Rich, dark velvety maroon, almost black; distinct and fine. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts

Viscountess Sherbrooke. Bright terra-cotta suffused with apricot; florets long and narrow. 3 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Wm. Cuthbertson. Bright rich crimson-lake, shaded carmine at tips; very profuse. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Wm. Jowett. Brilliant scarlet; a large, well-formed flower carried on good stems. 4 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts

Twenty Named Varieties for \$1.00

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When the selection is left entirely to me, I will send, prepaid, twenty named varieties in 2d size roots for \$1, or same in 1st size roots, by express, at purchaser's expense. This collection will be made up from the different classes, and will include varieties listed in this catalogue. No requests for any particular variety in above collection can be granted.



DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

NEW VARIETIES

Blue Oban. A seedling from Oban and possessing the same characteristics, but of a clear shade of lavender-blue; probably the nearest approach to true blue of any Dahlia yet introduced. Like its parent, it is extra fine for cutting. Truly a novelty of much merit. 5 feet. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts

Mad. Burrell. A beautiful, new Fancy Decorative from France. An acquisition of much value and worthy of a place in the most exclusive gardens. The color is silvery lilac, beautifully striped with crimson-purple. A grand flower. 5½ ft. 1st size \$1, 2d size 75 cts

Mad. Van den Dael. A magnificent Dahlia of large size and beautiful outline, composed of long, broad, flat, silvery pink petals most artistically arranged and carried on stems 12 to 18 inches long. One of the very best of the recent acquisitions. 3 ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Mrs. Roosevelt. This grand new Dahlia received "first prize" from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, September, 1904, for the best Dahlia introduced within three years. The flowers are of the largest size, often 6 to 8 inches in diameter, full and double to the center, and borne on tremendously long stems, making it one of the most valuable sorts in cultivation for cutting. It is a remarkably free bloomer and the cut blooms last a long time; delicate soft pink. 3½ ft. 1st size 60 cts., 2d size 40 cts.

Progress. A striking new Fancy Decorative Dahlia, strongly recommended on account of its lovely and unique coloring—being a soft rosy lake, beautifully penciled and spotted crimson. A strong grower and good bloomer, showing no tendency to produce other than fancy flowers. 5 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts

GENERAL COLLECTION

A. J. Heffner. Clear light scarlet; large. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Amphion. Chrome-yellow, shaded cherry-rose. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.

Beauty of Arundel. Glowing crimson, shading to rosy purple. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Black Prince. Rich, deep maroon, almost black. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

C. H. Freeman. Dark, rich crimson, beautifully shaded; large. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Claribel. Rich, rosy purple; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Crimson Giant. Deep crimson; fine for specimen plant, having dark, thick leathery foliage. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Cyclops. Rosy crimson, with lighter tips. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Delicata. Soft pink, shading to light salmon at center; poor grower; requires rich soil and high culture. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Empress of India. Dark maroon, almost black; very large flower. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Frank L. Bassett. Bright royal purple. 2½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Grand Duke Alexis. Pure satiny white, delicately tinted lavender-pink in the center; very large. 4½ ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Henry F. Michell. Orange-red and yellow; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Henry Patrick. Pure white; fine for cutting. 6 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.

Herman Schuber. White, tipped pink; notched petals; large and distinct. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Honoraria. Amber, richly shaded; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Invincible. Bright purplish magenta. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Ione. Clear, bright yellow; very profuse. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Iridescent. Orange, suffused red, with distinct bluish sheen. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Josephine. Dark, rich crimson; large. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Kentish Invicta. Chestnut, shaded rose; distinct and fine. 4½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

King of Cactus. (Decorative.) Crimson-magenta; large and fine for cutting. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Lady Holland. White, suffused blush, with each petal distinctly edged with a thread of bright rose. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Launcelot. Light orange. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Lustrous. Yellow, overlaid with salmon-pink and shaded deeper at the tips. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Lemon Giant. Clear lemon-yellow, large and full, borne in clusters on pendent stems. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Lyndhurst. Deep glowing scarlet; cleft petals. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Mahala Sheriff. Large, pure white. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Maid of Kent. Bright crimson, with pure white tips; often comes solid crimson. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Marchioness of Bute. White, suffused and tipped pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

May Queen. Soft heliotrope mauve, shading to pure white center. 4½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Miss E. C. Leighton. Clear bright cerise; elegant. 3 ft. 1st size 30 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Miss Webster. Pure white, sometimes tinted lilac. 4 ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.

Mrs. Geo. Reid. Pure white, suffused and edged rosy lake; cleft petals. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Mrs. Hawkins. Light yellow, shaded soft pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.

Mrs. Ingersoll. Light pink, lavender and yellow. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Mrs. Knox. Yellow, suffused and tipped peach. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Mrs. Winters. A very large, pure white variety, with full, high center; one of the best. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Nellie Rogers. Deep yellow, slightly shaded; very free. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

Nymphaea (The Water-Lily Dahlia). Light shrimp-pink, shaded deeper at the tips. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12c.

Oban. Rosy lavender, suffused silvery fawn; large, fine flower. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

Orangeman. Clear, bright orange; best of its color. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS (GENERAL COLLECTION), continued

- Ouray.** Deep blood-red, with yellow center; an immense flower. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Perle d'Or** (Perle de la tete d'Or). Large, pure white, with petals slightly notched; fine for cutting. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Rayon d'Or.** Rich orange, striped white; often comes solid color. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Red and Black.** Deep wine-red, heavily margined dark maroon; fine 7 to 9 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Reliance.** Deep crimson, with maroon center. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15c.
- Salmon Queen.** Deep, rich salmon. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Sir Francis Montefiore.** Dark velvety maroon; large 4½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Sir Joseph Cunningham.** Light orange, primrose and soft pink; small. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Wm. Agnew.** Rich, dazzling red; a grand, large flower. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

SINGLE DAHLIAS

SINGLE CACTUS DAHLIAS

"The beauties and grace of the Single Cactus varieties far exceed (in my opinion) any of the other sections; their light and elegant forms and vivid colorings all seem to lend themselves so gracefully to the art of the decorator. When cut and lightly arranged in conjunction with *Gypsophila paniculata*, or any light decorative grass, nothing can exceed their elegance. Slowly and surely they are pushing their charms to the front. Many are the remarks I have heard about them when first brought before the public—'thin, washy, not up to much don't care about them.' My advice to all is, to grow a few plants, arrange a vase when in flower, and I feel certain they will be pleased with the result. Their cultural requirements are the same as the other sections, without the thinning of shoots and buds so often recommended for the Double Cactus Dahlias. Cut with long stems in the early morning, flowers in a young stage. Grown in beds or borders, they are very attractive for garden decorations, starting to flower early and lasting until frost cuts them off."—A. MANSON in *Gardening World*.

NEW VARIETIES

Captivation. A fine Single Cactus, with long, narrow petals. Color rich crimson-maroon; extra good. 3 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Coquette. Deep cerise-pink, sometimes edged deeper; a beautiful, large flower. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

Empress. A seedling from 20th Century, and one of the finest of its color. A lovely shade of rose-pink; large and beautiful; a magnificent variety. 3 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

Pink Beauty. Clear lavender-pink; a most beautiful flower, as large as 20th Century. An acquisition of much merit. 4 ft. 1st size 75 cts., 2d size 50 cts.

President Viger (Collarette Dahlia). Deep, rich blood-red, with a pure white collar of short, narrow florets around the yellow center. Awarded first prize at the Paris Exhibition. 3 ft. 1st size 35 cts., 2d size 25 cts.

Triumph. A beautiful Cactus variety, with fine narrow petals; color rich, velvety maroon; one of the very best of its color. A grand variety. 3 ft. 1st size 75c., 2d size 50c.

White Cloud. A fine pure white variety of good size, with broad, overlapping petals. 4 ft. 1st size 50 cts., 2d size 35 cts.

20th Century. A beautiful Dahlia of the largest size; color bright rosy crimson, with tips and base of petals pure white. The color grows lighter as the season advances, becoming blush-pink late in the fall. Awarded a silver medal by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.

GENERAL COLLECTION

- Black Knight.** Large; dark maroon, often shaded crimson. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Bohemian.** Deep crimson-maroon. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Bonanza.** Creamy white, splashed lavender-pink and striped bright red. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Cloth of Gold.** Large, light yellow. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Elite.** A pure white Cactus; long, narrow florets. 5½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Fashion.** Crimson-maroon, flamed purple, with light disk. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Fedora.** Large, bright yellow, heavily striped bright red. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Ideal.** Yellow, heavily striped rich crimson. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Imperial.** Rosy purple; long, narrow petals. 6 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- John Cowan.** Soft crimson, shaded maroon. 4½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- John Downie.** Intense, growing crimson-scarlet. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Lord Goff.** Pearly white, passing to soft rose at tips; extra long, closely rolled petals; exquisite Cactus form. 5½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Lucifer.** Soft crimson; very large. 5½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Magnet.** Mahogany-red; incurved petals. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Man Friday.** Deep maroon, almost black; 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Mars.** Brilliant purple, tipped white. 2½ ft. 1st size 25 cts., 2d size 20 cts.
- Mascot.** Canary-yellow; fine Cactus form; semi-double. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Miss Waite.** Soft lavender-pink. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Miss Dagmar.** Primrose, striped pink and crimson-maroon. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Mrs. L. C. Bassett.** Maroon, striped lilac. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Oriental.** Bright yellow, lightly striped red. 3½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Pauline.** Pure white, bordered violet and margined deep glowing crimson. 2½ ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Ramona.** Deep pink, with light-colored disk around the center. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Reliance.** Dark maroon, shaded. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Royal Robe.** Bright purple, beautifully shaded. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Sachem.** Crimson-maroon, with yellow ring around the center. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Sea Gull.** Pure white Cactus; long, broad petals, tapering to a point; sometimes flushed pink. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Silvion.** Rich velvety crimson, with broad white stripe running through the center of each petal. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Siren.** Crushed-strawberry, crimson and yellow. 3 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Skibo.** Yellow, suffused and tipped peach. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Sunningdale Yellow.** Golden yellow. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Therics.** Pink and white. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Thomas Beckett.** Crimson-lake, with bright yellow ring. 5 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- White Cross.** Delicate soft rosy lake, with pure white stripe running through the center of each petal. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 15 cts.
- Wildfire.** Brilliant scarlet. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Wild Rose.** Soft rose-pink, with fern-like foliage. 6 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.
- Zanita.** Pink, striped crimson-purple. 4 ft. 1st size 20 cts., 2d size 12 cts.

I have won the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's first prize for Single Dahlias for three successive years, and, at the annual Dahlia Show of this society, held in Boston, September 14-17, 1905, I won nine prizes for nine entries of Dahlias, again breaking another record.

Since I began to exhibit at this Society's Shows in 1903, I have won eighteen prizes, which include eight first, four second and six third prizes.



Single Dahlias

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